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Export of Fruits and Vegetables
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is targeting markets in Australia, South Africa and South Korea for mangoes and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is also looking at the United States, Japan and Vietnam for grapes, while China for rice, fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the country"s agri-exports fell during April-February of 2015-16 compared to the same a year ago; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Australia has granted market access for export of mangoes from the pest free areas of Uttar Pradesh with Vapour Heat Treatment (VHT) as post-harvest quarantine mitigation measure. India has requested Australia for allowing mangoes from other states and also for the alternative mitigation measures. South Korea has also granted market access for export of Indian mangoes in the month of June 2016. South Africa is yet to grant market access for Indian mangoes.

(b) Yes, Madam. For export of grapes, the finalization of import risk analysis is awaited from the USA. In case of Japan and Vietnam, the import risk analysis with post-harvest mitigation measures is yet to be finalized by them. The matter is being pursued through the Indian Embassies in the respective countries. India has already submitted priority list for market access for fruits and vegetables to the Chinese General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), as per their request. The matter is being pursued. Based on field verification carried out during September 2016, AQSIQ China has approved 14 rice production enterprises for export of rice from India to China

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) India"s export of Agricultural & Allied Products, during the period April 2015 - February 2016, was Rs.1,45,315.73 crore as compared to Rs.1,68,918.94 crore over the same period in the previous financial year, showing a decline of 13.97%. The primary reasons for decline are: low commodity prices in the international market; shrinking of global demand; high domestic prices, as compared to the international prices, which has made our exports uncompetitive; unfavourable currency rate movements as compared to the competing countries etc.
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